



USMC Operation Santa 2008

The holidays can be a difficult time for our deployed Marines and Soldiers. The Marine Corps Family Foundation's Operation Santa enlists volunteers to sponsor holiday care packages Marine Corps platoons who are deployed overseas during the holidays. The care packages contain stockings with individually wrapped gifts; the list of gift items is included below.

Last year, employees from the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission and the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections sponsored 225 Marines in Iraq. We were part of an overall effort that sent care packages to more than 12,000 deployed Marines and 300 National Guardsmen. We would like to exceed that goal this year and are reaching out to our colleagues. If you are able to coordinate donations at your organization or would like to donate, please contact Mary Marshall at mmarshall@azcjc.gov or 602.364.1156. **DEADLINE: Nov. 12.** Monetary donations may be made via checks to the Marine Corps Family Foundation and will help with the cost of shipping the items overseas.

For more information about USMC Operation Santa, please visit www.marinecorpsfamilyfoundation.org/santa.html.

Stocking Stuffers

- Granola bars
- Snack bars
- packaged nuts
- Gum
- Packaged cookies
- Candies
- beef jerky
- small packets of Tylenol, etc.
- hot chocolate mix
- tea mix
- Gatorade mix
- Eye drops
- Power drinks (noncarbonated)
- Paperback books, new or used
- Frisbees
- Nerf balls
- Fruit snacks
- Crackers
- White socks
- Lightweight knit gloves
- Batteries, AAA, AA, 9 volt
- Toothpaste/brush
- Lip balm
- Nail clippers
- Razors
- Disposable camera
- Word game book
- DVDs & CDs, new or slightly used



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